



Super Sabre Society (SSS)
Board of Directors
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3 **Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors**
4 **held April 9-11, 2015**
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6 A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the **SUPER SABRE SOCIETY**, duly noticed, was
7 held, as scheduled, in Dayton, Ohio, on April 9-11, 2015, pursuant to the provisions of Article III,
8 paragraph 9 of the By-Laws of the **SUPER SABRE SOCIETY**.
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10 **1. Call to Order.** The regular meeting of the SSS Board of Directors, duly noticed, was called to
11 order by SSS President and Chairman of the Board of Directors, Don Shepperd, at 1500 hours
12 EDT, 9 April 2015.
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14 **2. Roll Call and Quorum Determination.** Roll was taken by Acting Executive Secretary Dewey
15 Clawson and a quorum verified.
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17 **A. Board Members Present.**

18 Don Shepperd, President/Chairman
19 Eddie Bracken, Vice President/Vice Chairman
20 Robert (Hoppy) Hopkins, Executive Director (and CEO)
21 Richard (Dick) Pietro
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23 **B. Officers Present.**

24 Dave Hatten, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer
25 R. Medley Gatewood, Editor and Publisher of *The Intake*
26 Win Reither, Information Officer
27 Jerry (Killer) Key, Historian
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29 **C. Others.** Pete Collins, New Legal Advisor

30 Duane (Dewey) Clawson, Acting Executive Secretary
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32 **3. Approval of Prior Board Minutes.** A motion to approve the Minutes, as submitted, of the
33 SSS Board of Directors Meeting held March 25, 2015 was made by VP Eddie Bracken and
34 seconded by CEO Hoppy Hopkins. There was no discussion. The Motion carried by unanimous
35 voice vote.
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37 **4. President's Remarks.** President Don Shepperd introduced Pete Collins and discussed his
38 excellent qualifications as a practicing attorney. Pete has offered to act as our Legal advisor. A
39 short discussion followed concerning whether or not the Legal Advisor should be an Officer of
40 the Corporation. VP Eddie Bracken made a motion to create the Officer position of Legal Advisor
41 effective April 9, 2015 and appoint Pete Collins as Legal Advisor effective April 9, 2015. The
42 motion was seconded by ED Hoppy Hopkins. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote.
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1 **5. Officers Reports.**

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- 3 **A. Chief Financial Officer.** CFO Dave Hatten stated that we are forecast to lose money this
- 4 year but this does not take into account any profit/loss from the reunion. He also cautioned
- 5 Board members to not confuse the bank balance with our available cash as we have a large
- 6 amount of dues that have been paid in advance and those funds are restricted. Dave can
- 7 provide copies of our financial reports on request.
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- 9 **B. Chief Executive Officer.** CEO Hoppy Hopkins reported that the reunion has officially
- 10 started and is running smoothly.
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- 12 **C. Information Officer.** IO Win Reither reported that our web site continues to attract about
- 13 100 visitors per day. This number jumps dramatically when a memorial email is sent out to
- 14 the members. Win will investigate the feasibility of sending The Intake in digital format in
- 15 the coming months. One copy of The Intake will be digitized as a test case to evaluate the
- 16 costs associated.
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- 18 **D. Historian.** Historian Jerry Key reported that he has a large collection of stories related by
- 19 members on the PIF. He reiterated to the BOD that he is the SSS Historian, not the F-100
- 20 historian. He has received many inquiries about the airplane that are beyond his area of
- 21 expertise.
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- 23 **E. The Intake Editor.** Medley Gatewood reported that it may be feasible to digitize The
- 24 Intake for publication. He cautioned the BOD to use caution making The Intake accessible
- 25 to the public in this format as we may find that some people will take serious offense at
- 26 what others have said in print. President Shepperd agreed as he has had similar problems in
- 27 his endeavors as an author. Digitizing The Intake will be explored in conjunction with the
- 28 IO. Medley reviewed the history of the calendar and reported that he will poll the members
- 29 at the upcoming membership meeting on the usefulness of the calendar as this costs us
- 30 about \$4,000 to produce and distribute. Medley has investigated the delays in members
- 31 receiving The Intake and it appears at this time to be a problem affecting the USPS, not our
- 32 mailing system. He is still trying to ascertain the exact nature of the problem and whether
- 33 or not there is a fix.
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- 35 **F. Legal Advisor.** Pete Collins reported that there are pending trademark/copyright
- 36 applications for our logo and name. He reported that the application to copyright our name
- 37 has been rejected as it is a generic name but the logo applications are still pending. We
- 38 need to be ready to respond to this when the Trademark Office publishes a formal notice of
- 39 application. When this notice is published, it will cost around \$3,000 to file an objection.
- 40 Pete and Pres. Shepperd will attempt to work with the individual who has filed this
- 41 application to avoid this expense.
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1 **6. New Business.**

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3 **A. MAPS/FSS Update.** CEO Hopkins reported the Military Aviation Preservation Society
4 Museum (MAPS) looked very good. They have approximately 35 aircraft on display. He
5 reported the displays of our memorabilia are coming along very nicely. He thinks the
6 MAPS has a very good capability to catalogue, store, preserve and display our artifacts in
7 their facility. President Shepperd concurred and will sign a renewed MOA with the FSS.
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9 **B. Strategic Plan Update.** President Shepperd went thru his planned presentation for the
10 Membership Meeting. See attachment 1. A short discussion ensued on several points. The
11 members agreed that the Toss Bombs sent out by Les Frazier are a very good
12 communications vehicle and should be continued. The feeling was conditional on
13 eliminating personal attacks and rancor. The TBs are very good examples of well liked
14 and useful communications. The PIF was also discussed. Most of the members agreed that
15 the PIF should be shut down due to the distasteful and inappropriate emails being sent out
16 repetitively, mostly by one member. Shep will approach that member about not posting
17 distasteful items.
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19 **C. Outstanding Member Awards.** The OMA will be presented to Dick Pietro and Ron
20 Doughty at the banquet at the NMUSAF on Friday evening. The Les Leavoy Capt.
21 America Award will be presented to Perry Lusby at the Membership Meeting on Saturday.
22 Former SSS President will be presented a large framed picture of a pair of Huns “rolling
23 in.”
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25 **7. Adjournment.** ED/CEO Hoppy Hopkins moved to recess the BOD meeting until after the
26 General Membership meeting. Dick Pietro seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Motion
27 was passed by unanimous voice vote. President Shepperd recessed the meeting until after the
28 General Membership meeting.
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30 **8. Call to Order.** President Don Shepperd reconvened the BOD meeting at 1635EDT, 11 April
31 2015.
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33 **9. Roll Call and Quorum Determination.** Roll was taken by Acting Executive Secretary Dewey
34 Clawson and a quorum verified.
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36 **A. Board Members Present.**
37 Don Shepperd, President/Chairman
38 Eddie Bracken, Vice President/Vice Chairman
39 Richard “Dick” Pietro, Director at Large
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41 **B. Officers Present.**
42 Jerry “Killer” Key, Historian
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44 **C. Others.**
45 Duane (Dewey) Clawson, Acting Executive Secretary
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47 **10. Old Business.**

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2 **A. Adopt Bylaws Changes.** VP Eddie Bracken moved to adopt the five bylaw changes
3 approved by the membership (see attachment 2) at the General membership meeting held
4 on April 11, 2015. Motion seconded by Dick Pietro. There was no further discussion.
5 Motion approved by unanimous voice vote. The changes approved by the Membership on
6 April 11, 2015 are hereby adopted and made a part of the SSS Bylaws previously adopted
7 and changed effective April 15, 2012.
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9 **B. Abolish IO and appoint CIO.** VP Eddie Bracken moved to abolish the position of
10 Information Officer and appoint Win Reither to the position of Chief Information Officer
11 effective 11 April 2015. Motion seconded by Dick Pietro. There was no further
12 discussion. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.
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14 **C. Create and appoint The Intake Editor and Publisher Officer position.** VP Eddie
15 Bracken moved to create the Officer position of The Intake Editor and Publisher reporting
16 directly to the SSS President effective 11 April 2015. Motion seconded by Dick Pietro.
17 There was no further discussion. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote. VP Eddie
18 Bracken moved to appoint Medley Gatewood to the position of The Intake Editor and
19 Publisher effective 11 April 2015. Motion seconded by Dick Pietro. There was no further
20 discussion. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.
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22 **D. Location of 2017 Reunion and General Membership Meeting.** The advisability of
23 holding the reunion and General Membership meeting at the same location (Las Vegas)
24 every two years vs. moving around the country was discussed. The consensus of the BOD,
25 and the feeling of the members expressed at the Membership Meeting, was to have the
26 meeting at Las Vegas in 2017 and consider alternating between there and other locations
27 around the country in future years. VP Eddie Bracken moved to hold the 2017 reunion in
28 Las Vegas. Motion seconded by Dick Pietro. There was no further discussion. Motion
29 approved by unanimous voice vote. President Shepperd will attend the F-86 Pilot's
30 reunion in 2 weeks and inspect prospective hotels in the Las Vegas area. He will report
31 back to the BOD and a specific date and hotel will be chosen at that time.
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33 **11. Adjournment.** VP Eddie Bracken moved to adjourn the BOD meeting. Dick Pietro
34 seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. Motion was passed by unanimous voice
35 vote. The Meeting was adjourned by President Don Shepperd at 1640 EDT.
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38 **Respectfully submitted:**

Approved and Adopted:

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42 **Jim Williford, Executive Secretary**

Donald Shepperd, President

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